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SUBJECT: THE EFFECT OF THE GUILLAUME SPY AFFAIR ON
DGB RELATIONS WITH THE EASTERN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

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SUMMARY: FOLLOWING THE GUILLAUME CASE WHICH HAS HAD A DELETERIOUS EFFECT ON RELATIONS BETWEEN THE DGB AND THE EAST GERMAN FDGB, THE DGB HAS SEEN FIT TO MODIFY ITS POLICY ON EAST-WEST CONTACTS. THE DGB POSITION IS THAT ALTHOUGH IMPLEMENTING DETENTE MAY SOMETIMES BE UNPLEASANT, THERE IS NO VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH THE EAST. FOR THE FIRST TIME, HOWEVER, THE DGB RATIONALIZATION OF EAST-WEST EXCHANGES INCLUDED A WARNING ABOUT SOME OF THE DANGERS INVOLVED. CONTACTS WITH THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION CONTINUE, AND PREPARATIONS FOR A FUTURE EAST-WEST TRADE UNION CONFERENCE ARE GOING FORWARD, BUT THE RECENT VISIT OF A CZECH DELEGATION SHOWS THAT THE GUILLAUME AFFAIR HAD AFFECTED THE DGB'S ATTITUDE TOWARD EAST-WEST CONTACTS. END SUMMARY.

1. IN AN EDITORIAL "CONTACTS," RICHARD BECKER, EDITOR OF THE DGB WEEKLY, WELT DER ARBEIT, RATIONALIZED THE DGB POLICY ON EAST-WEST LABOR EXCHANGES. WROTE BECKER, "IMPLEMENTING THE POLICY OF DETENTE IS NOT LIKE EATING HONEY. NEVERTHELESS THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE TO DETENTE. DETENTE IS A SOBER NECESSITY BASED ON THE BALANCE OF FORCE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST AND ON THE EXPERIENCE THAT CAUTION IS THE MOTHER OF OSTPOLITIK WISDOM. THAT APPLIES ALSO TO EAST-WEST TRADE UNION CONTACTS." BECKER SAID THAT FREQUENTLY SUCH CONTACTS ARE MISUNDERSTOOD AS ATTEMPTS TO DRAW NEARER TOGETHER IN THE FIELD OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS. BUT IN REALITY THEY ARE, ON BOTH SIDES, A PART OF FOREIGN POLICY AND THE POLITICAL CLIMATE IS ALWAYS FELT IN THE LABOR SECTOR ALSO. THUS IT COULD BE EXPECTED THAT THE ESPIONAGE AFFAIR WOULD HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPLICATIONS IN THE LABOR SECTOR. AFTER NOTING THAT THE CANCELLATION OF EAST GERMAN FDGB AND METAL UNION VISITS TO THE FRG (SEE BONN 7788) WAS IN RESPONSE TO THE GUILLAUME CASE, THE DGB EDITORIALIST OPINED THAT "INTELLIGENCE SERVICES ARE CERTAINLY A PART OF THE BUSINESS OF GOVERNMENTS, BUT AN UNMASKED AGENT IN THE VERY CENTER OF POWER, A LOUSE IN THE HAIR OF THE CHANCELLOR, CHANGES THE POLITICAL CLIMATE. AFTER WHAT

HAPPENED LAST WEEK," HE SAID, "THINGS WILL NOT BE EXACTLY AS THEY WERE BEFORE."

2. DGB REPRESENTATIVES FOLLOW THE SAME LINE IN CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBASSY LABOR ATTACHE.

3. THE GUILLAUME AFFAIR HAS ALSO AFFECTED DGB RELATIONS WITH CZECH LABOR. FROM MAY 6-11, KAREL HOFFMANN, MEMBER OF THE CZECH PARTY POLITBURO AND CHAIRMAN OF THE TRADE UNION CENTER, LED A TRADE UNION DELEGATION TO THE FRG. THE DGB RELEASED A COMMUNIQUE COVERING THE VISIT, BUT THEY DID NOT PUBLICIZE THE VISIT IN "WELT DER ARBEIT" AS IS CUSTOMARY ON SUCH OCCASIONS.

4. THE COMMUNIQUE COVERING THE CZECH VISIT SHOWED A RELATIVELY SMALL CHANGE IN THE POLICY FOLLOWED IN PREVIOUS EXCHANGES AND ANNOUNCED THAT PLANNING FOR

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ANOTHER EAST-WEST TRADE UNION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD
AT THE JUNE MEETING OF THE ILO GOVERNING BODY WOULD
CONTINUE.

5. THE COMMUNIQUE INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

"IN A FINAL DECLARATION ON THE VISIT OF THE TOP DELEGATION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION TO THE FRG, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN TRADE UNIONS AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE GERMAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION (DGB) AGREED THAT THE MUTUAL INTERESTS OF THE WORKING PEOPLE IN BOTH COUNTRIES COULD BE PROMOTED BY THE CONTINUATION OF CONSULTATION AND INTENSIFICATION OF THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCES. FOR THIS PURPOSE MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO INCREASE THE EXCHANGE OF EXPERTS' AND JOURNALISTS' DELEGATIONS, LECTURERS AND PUBLICATIONS. BOTH PARTIES RECOGNIZED WITH GREAT SATISFACTION THAT THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE FRG HAD FINALLY BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY THE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AND THE OPENING OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE TREATY WILL BE RATIFIED BY BOTH PARLIAMENTS.

"THE PARTIES, FURTHERMORE, EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS ON AN ALL-EUROPEAN BASIS OF THE CONFERENCE ON COOPERATION AND SECURITY IN EUROPE (CSCE) WILL LEAD TO AN EARLY SUCCESS.

"THE PARTIES ALSO APPROVED THE RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL TRADE UNION FEDERATIONS IN EUROPE ON THE OCCASION OF THE SECOND ILO EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN GENEVA ON JANUARY 19, 1974. BOTH PARTIES WELCOME THE RESULTS OF THIS CONFERENCE PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF ANOTHER JOINT MEETING OF THE NATIONAL TRADE UNION FEDERATIONS IN EUROPE TO DISCUSS THE TOPIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF "HUMANIZATION OF WORK ENVIRONMENT" SCHEDULED FOR THE END OF 1974 OR EARLY 1975. THE WORKER REPRESENTATIVES ON THE ILO GOVERNING BODY WERE ENTRUSTED WITH THE PREPARATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THIS MEETING AT THE NEXT GOVERNING BODY MEETING IN GENEVA.

"THE REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH ORGANIZATIONS AGREED TO CONTINUE THEIR MEETINGS IN THE FUTURE. THE PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN TRADE UNION INVITED THE DGB EXECUTIVE BOARD TO VISIT CZECHOSLOVAKIA."
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